Mr. C. A. Kunjnnni Raja.—My question is not that. My question is why nothing is shown against their names in the year 1103.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—They did not earn anything in 1100; but they were earning in 1101 and 1102. The earnings here shown is not the balance after the reduction of *Valiccilavu*.

Local Option Bill.

420. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1). whether the Government had received in the time of the last Council a Local Option Bill for sanction to be introduced in the Legislative Council;

(2) when was it first received;

(3) whether the sanction required has been given or not;

(4) whether the Government in their letter dated 6th July 1926 stated that the question would be decided on the receipt of the report of the Excise Committee; and if not, what is the reply given;

(5) whether the Government have not yet received the report of the Excise Committee and if it has been received, when was it received;

(6) whether the Government, subsequent to the receipt of the Excise Committee's Report, have been requested to give the sanction for introducing the Bill; and if so, whether the request has been sanctioned or finally disposed of; and if not, why not;

(7) whether the Government are aware that the Travancore Government have accepted in any sense the policy of local option; and if so,

(8) whether the Government of Cochin have accepted the same polcy; and if not, why not?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—(1) Yes.

(2) 28—4—1926.

(3) Sanction has not been given.

(4) Not exactly that the question will be decided, but that it may be raised for consideration after the receipt of the said report.

(5) Yes, on 21—11—1927.

(6) Yes; the Member was informed that the question may be renewed after orders are passed on the Excise Committee's Report.

(7) The Government have no official information.

(8) The question does not arise in view of answer to (7).

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